Gathering Line - Definition

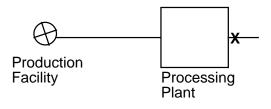
Scope of Part in 192 concerning jurisdictional gathering lines.

Onshore gathering lines are not jurisdictional to the Code of Federal Regulations if they lie outside of the following areas:

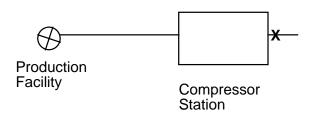
- The limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city, town or village
- Any designated residential or commercial area such as a subdivision, business or shopping center, or community development.

The definition of gathering line is based upon a letter written to Dale Johansen on May 9, 1985. This letter is used as a guideline concerning 4 points where the gathering line terminates. The gathering line can terminate at any one of these points based upon population density, distance from busy roads or highways, and location concerning environmental sensitive areas.

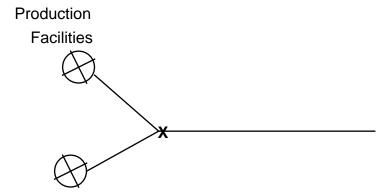
Determination is made on a case by case basis.



Almost in all cases the gathering process terminates at the outlet of a processing plant. Processing plant is defined by the extraction of heavy ends from the natural gas. Dehydration is not considered to be part of the "Processing of Gas".

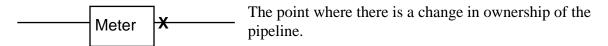


If there is no upstream processing plant the gathering process terminates at the outlet of a main compressor. This does not include a well head compressor (Field Compressor).



If there is no processing plant or compressor station, the point at which the gathering process ends is where two or more well lines converge.

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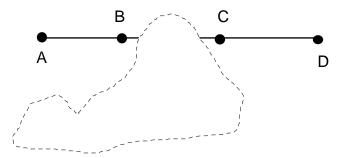
Again, these points are chosen on a case by case basis. That is, based upon location of line in relation to population density, major traffic areas, and environmentally sensitive areas.

Gathering Line - Jurisdiction

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Consider a gathering line A - D. Where the section of B - C passes through the city limits of Buzzville. The section of line B - C is jurisdictional to Part 192. Lines A - B and C - D are not. They are outside the city limits of Buzzville. However, if there is pressure control equipment or block valves outside the limits of B - C, which would be

used in the event of an emergency inside the limits of line B - C, OPS would inspect this equipment. They provide protection for the jurisdictional line, B - C.